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8. The piece of baggage of claim 7, wherein:  
the backing sheet is attached to the towing member  
in a manner that allows the backing sheet to pivot about  
the towing member.

140. A piece of baggage comprising:  
a pack for receiving and carrying objects;  
at least two wheels mounted for rotation on the pack  
and for supporting the pack when the pack is being towed;  
and

- a towing handle attached to the pack by a curved, telescoping member, the telescoping member allowing the handle to be selectively extended from the pack and retracted back toward the pack along an arcuate path relative to the pack.

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12. The piece of baggage of claim 11 can be used as a backpack and as a hand towed piece of baggage, the piece of baggage further comprising:

a resiliently flexible backing sheet attached to the non-extending portion of the telescoping member, the backing sheet being positioned between the non-extending portion of the telescoping member and a side the pack that rests against a person's back when the pack is worn as a backpack, the backing sheet also being attached to the side of pack.

13. The piece of baggage of claim 12, wherein:

the backing sheet is attached to the non-extending portion of the telescoping member in a manner that allows the backing sheet to pivot about the non-extending portion of the telescoping member.

14. The piece of baggage of claim 10, wherein:

the at least two wheels have a common axis and the telescoping member is operatively attached to the pack in a manner that allows the telescoping member to pivot relative to the axis of the wheels.

15. The piece of baggage of claim 14, wherein:

the at least two wheels are mounted on a rigid base of the pack and the telescoping member is pivotally attached to the rigid base.

16. A piece of baggage for use as a backpack, the piece of baggage comprising:

a backpack constructed of a flexible material, the flexible material enclosing a hollow interior of the  
 5 pack;

a rigid base attached to a bottom of the pack;

a backing sheet attached to a side of the pack that rests against a user's back when the piece of baggage is worn as a backpack, the backing sheet and the rigid base  
 10 being moveable relative to each other.

✓ 17. The piece of baggage of claim 16, wherein:

the backing sheet has a contoured surface that conforms to a user's back when the piece of baggage is worn as a backpack.

✓ 18. The piece of baggage of claim 16 can be used as a backpack and as a hand towed piece of baggage, the piece of baggage further comprising:

at least two wheels mounted for rotation to the  
 5 rigid base;

a single-pole towing member operatively connected to the rigid base intermediate the at least two wheels; and

the back sheet is attached to the single-pole towing member for pivoting movement of the backing sheet about  
 10 the single-pole towing member.

✓ 19. The piece of baggage of claim 18, wherein:

the single-pole towing member is attached to the rigid base by a pivot connection enabling the single-pole towing member to pivot relative to the base.

✓ 20. The piece of baggage of claim 18, wherein:

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the single-pole towing member is curved and telescopes in an arcuate path between extended and retracted positions relative to the pack.

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